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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO EGYTIAN ANA

REF: STATE 295966

1. PERHAPS WE ARE MISREADING REFTEL, BUT WE ARE A BIT CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT STRIKES US AS SOMEWHAT LUKEWARM REACTION TO OUR EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT SPECIAL CCINC FUNDS BE USED TO PURCHASE SOME HIGH PRIORITY EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY ANA. WHILE WE CONTINUE AWAIT ANA STATEMENT OF ITS NEEDS, AND UNDERSTAND PURPOSE OF REFTEL, WE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY BACKGROUND OF ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL. OFFER OF REASONABLE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE WAS MADE TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND ANA DURING CODEL WOLFF VISIT BASED ON CODEL'S STRONGLY EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT EGYPT COULD BECOME SIGNIFICANT DRUG TRANSIT COUNTRY IN FUTURE AND THAT MEASURES, I.E., BEEFING UP ANA AND STATIONING OF DEA AGENT HERE ON TRIAL BASIS, SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SERIOUS PROBLEM ARISING. EMBASSY SHARES THIS VIEW AND BELIEVES IT JUSTIFIES ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH WE WILL, OF COURSE, SUBMIT JUSTIFICATION FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS ON LIST SUBMITTED BY ANA. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT AVAILABLE CCINC FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY EXPENDED IN THE PAST AND ARE NOT PRESENTLY IN SHORT SUPPLY.

2. GIVEN STRONG CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH GOE IS NOW ACUTELY AWARE, WE HOPE THAT WHEN ANA

EQUIPMENT LIST IS RECEIVED, IT WILL BE GIVEN SYMPATHETIC
CONSIDERATION. JUSTIFICATION WILL NECESSARILY HAVE TO
BE SEEN PARTLY IN CONTEXT IMPORTANCE WHICH SELECT COMMITTEE
IS ASSIGNING TO EGYPT'S NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM.
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